GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VISIT OF CHINESE DELEGATION TO INDIA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Chinese Delegation visited India recently;

(b) if so, whether any talks in regard to the feasibility of a natural gas pipeline between the two countries were held;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether discussion was also held in regard to increase of flights between the two countries;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the detailed strategy chalked out in this regard;

(f) whether a special delegation level talk on border issue was held in Beijing recently; and

(g) if so, the details of deliberations held and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) With the development of India-China relations, there have been frequent exchanges of official visits at various levels.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes.

(e) It has been proposed to hold technical level talks between the civil aviation authorities of India and China early next year to discuss the matter of further opening up of aviation links between the two countries.

(f) Yes.

(g) The fourth meeting of the Special Representatives of the Governments of India and China on the Boundary Question was held in Beijing, China on November 18-19, 2004. The meeting between the National Security Advisor, Shri J.N. Dixit and the Vice Foreign Minister, Mr. Dai Bingguo, Special Representatives of India and China respectively, was held in a friendly, constructive and cooperative atmosphere. The exchange of views was frank and detailed. The two sides agreed to hold the next meeting in New Delhi at a mutually convenient date.